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The World Scout Committee proposes to the 42nd World Scout Conference (2021) to adopt the following Amendment to the Constitution of the World Organization of the Scout Movement.

A brief explanation, the text of the Constitutional Amendment and background information are included in this Conference Document to provide Member Organizations with the required information to facilitate discussions before decision is taken by the Conference during the applicable voting session. Details about pre-engagement opportunities and the process for proposing amendments can be found on scoutconference.org/constitutional-amendments.

Conference proposal:	Constitutional Amendment
Related document:	Conference Document 9 Constitution of WOSM
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Languages

The official languages of the World Organization are English and French. The World Scout Bureau will make all Conference Documents available in both languages. When possible, it endeavours to make them available also in Arabic, Russian and Spanish - the three additional working languages of WOSM. In the event of a conflict arising out of the interpretation of this Conference Document or any other official document of the World Organization, the English text shall prevail.

01 Constitutional Amendment – Safe from Harm

Supporting document: Conference Document 9 and the [Constitution of WOSM](#)

Brief explanation or justification for the Constitutional Amendment:

- To ensure Member Organizations take Safe from Harm as a matter of highest priority.
- To ensure worldwide sustained adherence of our Member Organizations to WOSM’s World Safe from Harm Policy.

The Conference,

- Adopts the following amendments to the WOSM Constitution:

Existing provisions	Proposed Amendments
<p>Article V.5. Admission of membership</p> <p>Admission to membership in the World Organization requires of the applicant National Scout Organization:</p> <p>...</p> <p>(e) Demonstration that, by the quality of its leadership, the organization of its leader training, the size of its membership and its resources, it is self-sufficient and capable of providing adequate services to its members and assuming all obligations of a Member Organization.</p>	<p>Art V.5. Admission of membership</p> <p>Admission to membership in the World Organization requires of the applicant National Scout Organization:</p> <p>...</p> <p>(e) Demonstration that, by the quality of its leadership, its policies and procedures to ensure a safe environment for children, young people and adults in Scouting, the organization of its leader training, the size of its membership and its resources, it is self-sufficient and capable of providing adequate services to its members and assuming all obligations of a Member Organization.</p>

World Scout Bureau Background Information:

Policy Implications	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Constitution of WOSM, Chapter III, Article V.5: Admission of membership 2. World Safe from Harm Policy (2017) 3. Keeping Scouts Safe from Harm - Position Paper on Child and Youth Protection (2016) 4. World Scout Youth Programme Policy (2014) 5. World Adults in Scouting Policy (2011)
Historical Background	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conference Resolution 1990-16: institutionalising the Convention on the Rights of the Child 2. Conference Resolution 2002-07: urging NSOs and WOSM to adopt policies in keeping Scouts Safe from Harm 3. Conference Resolution 2017-05: adopting and implementing the World Safe from Harm Policy 4. Concept Paper on Strengthening WOSM’s Safe from Harm approach presented to the World Scout Committee in September 2019, highlighting three core areas which are the foundational basis for Conference Document 9 – implementation of policies, compliance of NSOs and clear communications on Safe from Harm messaging and crisis management.
Resources	(see proposed Draft Resolution 2021-D in Conference Document 4A)